

IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE

In re application of:

Andreas Wachtler et al.

Serial No.: Div. of 09/600,295 : Group Art Unit: Not Assigned

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For: PERFLUORO-N-ALKANESULFONIC ACID DERIVATIVES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

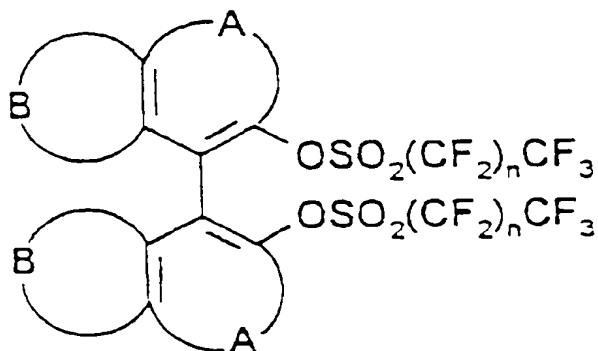
Sir:

In connection with the filing of this divisional application of parent application Ser. No. 09/600,295, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claims 1, 3 and 5-7 to read as follows (a marked up version of the amended claims is in an appendix attached hereto):

1. (Amended) A bis(perfluoro-n-alkanesulfonate) compound of the formula I:



where

n is 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9,